

# Quote

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The Hoover proposal to reorganize UN is significant because of the source. There has been acceptance of the conclusion that United Nations as presently organized cannot function effectively. But the recommendation for a fresh start, from our only living ex-pres, is significant proof of a growing desire to frankly face the facts.

For reasons of political expediency, an organization on the proposed Hoover pattern, composed of "freedom-loving nations" has no chance to prevail in this turbulent hour. Such a restricted formula would exclude Tito, Franco, others whom our fashioners of for'gn policy have no wish to renounce.

The Hoover timing could hardly have been worse. For Washington, the past fortnight, has suffered a severe attack of Russian jitters. This results from no specific incident, but from an accumulation of developments. The conviction grows that we are moving toward war. Not, you understand, that war is imminent, or even inevitable. But we seem to be tending and trending in that direction. And no one knows how to change course.

So UN structure won't be changed now. There is no wish to take so drastic a step. True, the UN may have degenerated into a mere debating society. But at least it does provide a platform which we can mount and tell our story to the rest of the world. And as time goes on that rostrum may prove of increasing value.

## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

HERBERT HOOVER, former Pres: "I suggest that the UN should be reorganized without the Communist nations in it. If that is impractical, then a definite New United Front should be organized of those peoples who disavow communism, who stand for morals and religion, and who love freedom." 1-Q

Brig Gen CARLOS ROMULO, pres of UN Gen'l Assembly: "The UN is the only workable bridge that we have today between the two hostile camps on either side of the chasm." 2-Q

Dr JOHN KING FAIRBANK, prof of History, Harvard Univ, and authority on Far Eastern affairs: "One McCarthy is probably worth 10 divisions to the Chinese Communists, and many more to the Russians, by making us look to Asiatics like fools consumed by our own fears." 3-Q

Pastor MARTIN NIEMOLLER, German Protestant church leader: "Any war is worse than the worst peace . . . If the politicians are helpless, then the church must act." 4-Q

Gen OMAR N BRADLEY, chmn, joint chiefs of staff: "(The world situation today) gives us little cause for comfort and little excuse for delay." 5-Q

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "Propaganda can be overcome by truth—just plain, simple, unvarnished truth." 6-Q

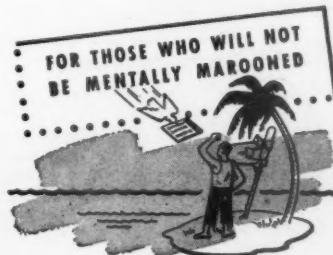
BENJ FAIRLESS, pres, U S Steel Corp'n: "I do not fear fascism . . . I do not fear socialism . . . but when somebody in Washington

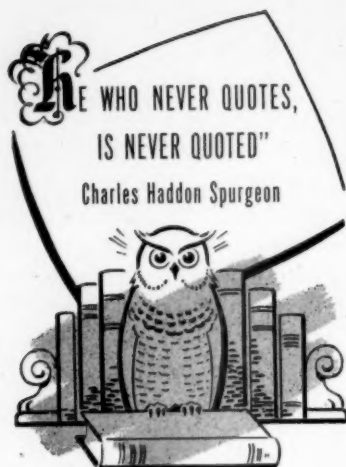
starts telling how he favors free enterprise and proposes to save it, I shake . . . Power-hungry politicians would hack it to death on the pretext of defending its immortal soul." 7-Q

HENRY A WALLACE, head of Progressive Party: "We (Americans) are giving, not because we love and trust Europe, but because we hate and fear Russia. Goods given in the spirit of fear and hate will inevitably prove to be a curse. We may buy allies temporarily, but they will not stay bought." 8-Q

Sir CARL BERENDSEN, chief of New Zealand delegation to UN: "No man knows or can know what the yrs to come hold in store for us, but it is only the simple or the credulous who doubt the gravity of the peril that confronts us today." 9-Q

CHAS L LARSON, Wis state comdr of American Legion, after Mosinee, Wis, spent May Day under pseudo-Communist rule, as "mild demonstration of totalitarianism": "It is our duty to guard against subversion, to be actively interested in our Gov't, to be eternally vigilant." 10-Q





#### ACCIDENTS—1

The economic loss due to automobile accidents in the U S last yr is est'd to exceed \$2.9 billion.—*Wkly Underwriter*.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENT—2

We once had a teakettle with a loose lid. When steam began to rise, that lid would shake and rattle and make a terrible noise. The lid was doing no good. It was allowing steam to escape, but it made quite a racket and sounded very busy and important.

Whenever I see someone who makes a lot of noise without accomplishing much I think, "That one has a loose lid."—*Friendly Chat*.

#### ADVERTISING—3

Russia obscures everything behind the Iron Curtain; Americans use billboards.—*Pathfinder*.

#### AMBITION—4

Ambition is the dynamic power of man. It urges him on against all obstacles. It assures him against all dangers. It sustains him against all fears of failure. It is the light burning in the bosom when all else about him is dark with depression. But it must be subjected to discipline. As a light, it must

be trimmed with prudence. As a power, it must be guided by intelligence. Nothing is so pathetic, nothing so tragic, as a consuming ambition without enough fuel for consumption. — *American Workers Digest*.

#### BOOKS—5

We do not live by bread but by books. To live is to progress. Without books we are but barbarians, savages, aborigines, for it was by the written word that man has lifted himself far above the brute creation.—JAY LEWIS, *Other Men's Minds*, edited by PHYLLIS HANSON. (Putnam)

#### BUSINESS—6

A statistician recently commented: "Everybody is grabbing for the quick dollar, but missing a lot of business in the long run. Suppose you're a restaurant mgr and you decide to take a poll of your customers' tastes, so that you can give them what they like best. Suppose your poll shows that 90% like your French-fried potatoes best. So you cut out everything else, and reduce your menu to French-fried potatoes. How long do you think you'd keep customers?"—THOS WHITESIDE, *Reporter*.

#### CHARACTER—7

What you have outside you counts less than what you have inside you.—B C FORBES, editor, *Forbes*.

#### CHILDREN—8

Among the best home furnishings are children.—*Banking*.

#### COMPLACENCY—9

Agreement makes us soft and complacent; disagreement brings out our strength. Our real enemies are the people who make us feel so good that we are slowly, but inexorably, pulled down into the quicksand of smugness and self-satisfaction. — SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago Daily News*.

#### CONVERSATION—10

I should like to restore conversation as a means of development

in teaching. Conversation has become somewhat of a lost art. I honestly believe the wisecrack has killed American conversation.—RALPH BATES, *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

#### CO-OPERATION—11

Dr Leverett S Lyon, Chicago Ass'n of Commerce and Industry, was acting as moderator of a discussion in which one of the participants defined marriage as a status of antagonistic co-operation. Dr Lyon said, "This interesting and intriguing definition reminds me of the definition of co-operation which one man used when he said that every time he had been asked to co-operate, he was expected to coo while the other fellow operated."

#### DICTATORSHIP—13

In '31 there were 1,618 suicides in Spain. At the end of the Franco civil war, in '39, there were 2,328. After World War II in '46, when it was seen that the Franco regime would not be upset by it, the number was 2,854. In '48, in the full reign of dictatorship, suicides numbered 3,452.—*Worldover Press*.

#### CRITICISM—12

Mae West, when told by a chauffeur making a repair that he was "doing his best," repl'd, "Then try doing your worst. Your best is terrible."—*Baltimore Sun*.

#### DIPLOMACY—14

It was Oliver Herford who defined diplomacy thus: lying in state. — *Dictionary of Humorous Quotations*, edited by EVAN ESAR. (Doubleday)

#### DIVORCE—15

In a minority opinion discussing "our crazy quilt of divorce laws," Mr Justice Jackson said: "Confusion hath now made its masterpiece."

Justice Jackson noted that, in '42, the highest tribunal had legalized Nevada divorce. Then, in '45, it had reopened the question by granting other states the right to challenge Nevada's jurisdiction. FI-

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nally, in '48, the Court gave birth to the "divisible divorce" doctrine, which can terminate a marriage, but is not valid in ending dependent property rights. Thus, observed the Justice, "a man may have a wife who cannot become his widow, yet leave a widow who was no longer his wife!"—PAUL W KEARNEY, "Divorce: Confusion's Masterpiece," *Esquire*, 5-'50.

#### EDUCATION—16

Sixty percent of children who enter school do not graduate, chiefly because they feel that what they are learning will not be useful. Youth, asked what they need from education, have told us: vocational choice; ability to get along with people; knowledge about their bodies for good health; good family relationships; budgeting; and morals and religion.—STELLA SCURLOCK, director, Youth Conservation, GFWC, *Gen'l Federation Clubwoman*.

#### They say . . .

To eliminate embarrassment in addressing woman of unknown marital status, someone in Tulsa Letter Clinic has suggested writing to all women as "Ms"—equivalent of "Mr" . . . If the army, navy and airforce could agree on uniform underwear, \$7 million would be saved annually! . . . During '48, there were 129 brides over 75 yrs of age—729 grooms . . . British dry cleaning industry report revealed that average man's suit yields 3½ oz's of dirt after 6 mo's of normal wear; average woman's from 1 to 2 oz's . . . Census Bureau reports U S fishermen spent over \$58.7 million last yr on equipment . . .

#### ENTERPRISE—17

A classified item in a Larchmont, N Y, paper: "Marble for sale with the name of John Murphy carved in it; stone contracted for in '37 and uncalled for. Opportunity for right party."—*Tide*.

#### EQUALITY—18

It is no part of the American idea of equality that men should be leveled down, but rather that they should be leveled up.—RALPH BARTON PERRY, *Characteristically American*. (Knopf)

#### EUROPE—Trade—19

Paul G Hoffman, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration, says that, to earn the dollars she needs, Europe will have to sell \$400 million more of competitive goods in this country.—*U S News & World Report*.

#### FAITH—20

Faith is like a muscle; it develops with use.—GORDON BUCK, "Faith Is Action," *Good Business*, 5-'50.

#### GOD—and Man—21

An irreligious farmer wrote a letter to a local newspaper: "Sir, I have been trying an experiment with a field of mine. I plowed it on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I cultivated it on Sunday. I reaped it on Sunday. I carted the crop home to the barn on Sunday. And what is the result? I have more bu's to the acre from the field than any of my neighbors have this Oct."

When he opened the paper the next wk, there sure enough was his letter printed just as he had sent it, but underneath it was the short but significant sentence:

"God does not always settle His acct in Oct."—*Moody Monthly*.

#### GOOD WILL—22

Good will is no easy symbol of good works. It is an immeasurable and tremendous energy, the atomic energy of the spirit.—ELEANOR B STOCK, *Think, hm, Internat'l Business Machines Corp'n*.

#### HAPPINESS—23

If you would accomplish anything in life worthwhile and have a measure of happiness, then choose an ideal, be loyal to it, fight for it with abiding faith, and in time the realization is apt to come.—WM R FRANKLIN, *Hoard's Dairyman*.

#### HASTE—24

Don't cut too many corners—you may knife yourself.—HOWARD W NEWTON, *Adv'g Agency*.

#### HEALTH—Mental—25

About 8,500,000 people in the U S are suffering some form of mental illness. This means that more than 1 in every 18 persons is now suffering from some form of mental ailment.—*Miami Herald*.

#### HUMAN RELATIONS—26

Too much effort is expended organizing recreation programs

and getting officials to say "Good morning," to employees. The emphasis should be on the job itself.—PETER F DRUCKER, business consultant.



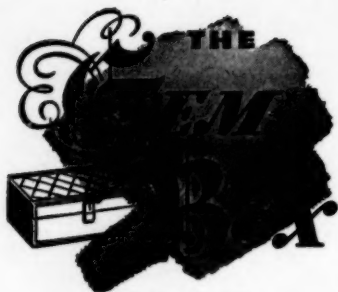
In '19, a N Y hotelman, RAYMOND B ORTEIG, offered \$25,000 for the 1st non-stop N Y to Paris flight. For 8 yrs there were no takers. Then, in '27, a young pilot, flying the mails between Chicago and St Louis, made his bid for the prize, backed by a group of St Louis businessmen.

In his small, heavy-laden plane, appropriately named *The Spirit of St Louis*, CHAS A LINDBERGH, Jr, left Roosevelt Field, L I, early on May 20th, Paris-bound.\* Weather, predicted as favorable, turned inside out with fog, rain and sleet taxing his skill with man-made wings.

The worst was yet to come. The rough trip was mild compared to his reception when, 33 hrs, 29 min's, 30 sec's and 3,610 mi's later, Lucky Lindy landed in Paris. "Nev-in my life," he said, "have I seen anything like that human sea."

The "human sea" was only the beginning of a tidal wave of acclaim which welled over him. He was feted royally in Europe; four million people, lining N Y st's, hurled 1800 tons of paper, ticker tape and confetti in frenzied welcome. His mail was nearly as high as the Colo mountain named for him and commercial offers were in excess of \$5 million. But, irked by the cont'd invasion of his privacy, LINDBERGH sought desperately to avoid public and press. His popularity wavered, then flared during the tragic kidnapping of his young son in '32. He fled with his family to live in England until war broke out, then ret'd to offer his services in aviation.

His mark on the scroll of air achievements was a deep one. CHAS A LINDBERGH and his famous *Spirit of St Louis* are an epochal chapter of aviation history.



#### Chant of Loyalty

For the 1st time this yr, Armed Forces Day\* on May 20 will unify all "days" previously observed by the Army, Navy and Air Force. In tribute to our service men and women, we reprint this poem by ELIAS LIEBERMAN, from Paved Streets (Cornhill):

Firm as the furnace heat  
Rivets the bars of steel,  
Thus to thy destiny,

Flag, are we pledged;  
One are the hearts that beat,  
One is the throb we feel,  
One in our loyalty,

Stand we united.

Many a folk have brought  
Sinew and brawn to thee;  
Many an ancient wrong

Well hast thou righted;  
Here in the land we sought,  
Stanchly, from sea to sea,  
Here, where our hearts belong,  
Stand we united.

Ask us to pay the price,  
All that we have to give,  
Nothing shall be denied,

All be requited;  
Ready for sacrifice,  
Ready for thee to live,  
Over the country wide  
Stand we united.

One under palm and pine,  
One in the prairie sun,  
One on the rock-bound shore,  
Liberty-sighted;

All that we have is thine,  
Thine, who hast made us one,  
True to thee evermore,  
Stand we united.

#### IDEOLOGY—27

One wonders why, with the whole world to choose from, the man who wants Socialism or Communism does not go to the places where they have already been established and enjoy the fruits of both or either?—PERCY K LOUD, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

#### INDUSTRY—Production—28

If workmen were paid in the goods they produce (instead of money) we would have industrial peace, greater production, lower prices.—*Cleveland*.

#### INFORMATION—29

As a rule anything that is shouted or whispered isn't worth listening to.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

#### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—30

More than 1/3 of the juvenile delinquents in the U S are the children of divorced parents.—WM D WILKINS, prof, N Y Univ.

#### LANGUAGE—31

In 1852 English was 5th among European languages; today 1/3 of the world's mail is written in it.—*Times-Picayune New Orleans States*.

#### MARRIED LIFE—32

Some truths between husband and wife must be spoken, but let them be spoken with sweetness. Wounded vanity is fatal to love. It makes one hate the person who inflicted the wound. In married conversation, as in surgery, the knife must be used with care.—ANDRE MAUROIS, in "The Marriage Professor," program series broadcast by Radiodiffusion Francaise, quoted in *Newsweek*.

#### MONEY—33

Money, like manure, does no good till it is spread.—*Practical Knowledge*.

#### MUSIC—Appreciation—34

Said the man who was trying his best to appreciate good music: "When a piece threatens any min to be a tune and always disappears, it's classical."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

#### OPTIMISM—35

An optimist is a fellow who takes the cold water thrown on his ideas, heats it with enthusiasm, makes steam and pushes ahead.—*3M Megaphone*, hm, Minn Mining & Mfr'g Co.

#### PARENTHOOD—36

Parents sometimes look upon promises made to their children the way politicians do upon pledges.—MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Journal*.

#### PERFECTION—37

Top people always give their best in their professions. That's

one reason why they're top. Sinclair Lewis once facetiously said to Ethel Barrymore: "Ethel, I don't believe you did as well as you could this afternoon. You let down on us." Ethel's eyes flashed fire. "No Drew or Barrymore," she guttured, "ever goes on the stage, no matter how he feels or how large or small the crowd, that he does not give his best . . . We have learned thru 4 generations that we get back just about what we give." — DR A AUGUSTUS WELSH, Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

#### PERSEVERANCE—38

The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but didn't hear the referee.—H E JANSEN, *Erechs' Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

#### POLITICS—39

Two children, aged 4 and 6, while turning the pages of a mag, came across the picture of a human skeleton and in answer to little brother's question big sister repl'd, "If you did not have a skeleton you would be a heap!" In a larger sense, politics is the skeleton by which all human society is supported.—MORRIS LLEWELLYN COOKE, "It's Time to Bridge the Technology-Political Chasm," *American Engineer*, 4-50.

#### PRAYER—40

The church folks in Hell's Acre were having an old-fashioned "experience meeting." The preacher and the elders were discussing the best posture in which to pray—sitting down, standing up, kneeling and so on.

His gangling frame sprawled in the last pew, Chet Walker listened to the debate. Finally he slouched to his feet. "I ain't questionin' anybody," he drawled, "but if you'll harkin' back to the time I fell headfirst down the well, I'll tell you all that the best prayin' I ever did was standin' plumb on my head." — HELEN D KRAMER, *Townsend Nat'l Wkly*.

#### PRIDE—41

Sometimes we feel like Mrs Grizzly, to whom the Judge said, "The evidence shows you threw a rolling pin at your husband."

"It shows more than that, your Honor," was Mrs Grizzly's reply. "It shows I hit him!"—*Speakers Magazine*.



#### RELIGION—42

The trouble with some of us is that we have been inoculated with small doses of Christianity which keep us from catching the real thing.—Dr LESLIE D WEATHERHEAD, British clergyman & author.

#### REPUTATION—43

Reputation is like a bubble. If you blow it, it's likely to burst.—*Eagle*.

#### SAFETY—Safe Driving—44

In steering an automobile there is one thing more dangerous than a loose bolt, and that is a tight nut. — *Northwestern Bell*, hm, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.

#### SALESMANSHIP—45

At last income-tax time, a Wall St house put in a deduction for depreciation on ten \$10,000 chairs. The Fed'l Tax bureau sent a man around to check.

The sales mgr took him into the sales dept. "You see those 10 chairs?" he asked.

"Well, those chairs cost this firm the best part of \$10,000 each last yr, with our salesmen sitting in them when they should have been out looking after business."—JOHN STRALEY, *Investment Dealers' Digest*.

#### SERENITY—46

On May 19, 1780, there was a storm which so darkened the sky at Hartford that some mbrs of the legislature feared the world was about to be destroyed and moved that the council be adjourned.

Said Col Abraham Davenport, "I am against the adjournment. Either the Day of Judgment is at hand or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles be brought." — *Christian Science Monitor*.

#### SEXES—47

The allurement that women hold out to men is precisely the allure-ment that rough seas hold out to sailors; they are enormously dangerous and hence enormously fascinating.—H L MENCKEN, American editor & author, *English Digest*. (London)

#### SPEECH—Brevity—48

How to guarantee short speeches. As your man rises to speak, place a large chunk of ice in his hands. Speeches rarely run more than 2 min's, we hear.—*This Wk*.

#### STATISTICS—49

These days facts and figures 6 mo's old are apt to be antiques.—*Mgt Briefs*, hm, Rogers & Slade.

#### SUCCESS—50

The best way to get ahead is to have one. — *Pure Globe*, hm, Pure Oil Co.

#### TACT—51

Tact is a quick or intuitive appreciation of what is fit, proper or right; fine or ready mental discernment shown in saying or doing the proper thing, so as to win good-will, or especially in avoiding what would offend or disturb; skill or facility in dealing with men or emergencies.—*Curtis Courier*, hm, Curtis 1000 Inc.

#### TELEVISION—52

By the end of this yr 32 million of the nation's 43 million households will be within reach of at least 1 television station.—*Scholastic Teacher*.

#### THOUGHT—53

"Where everyone thinks alike," says Dr Wm Trufant Foster, "few are doing much thinking."—*Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

#### UNITED NATIONS—54

The Russians, in establishing a pattern for their relations with UN, seem to have been unduly influenced by the American definition of "un": A prefix used to ex-

press negation or opposition. Unfortunately, they overlooked the fact that "un" is also colloquial for "one."—H J HIGDON, *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

#### VIEWPOINT—55

A man asked his dinner companion, "Did you ever count the bones in a fish?" "No," was the reply, "I throw the bones aside and concentrate on the fish." I watched a cider mill separating the apple juice, which it conserved, from the pulp, which it discarded. Some people go thru life counting the bones in their fish and forgetting the meat. They waste the apple juice and concentrate on the pulp.—WALTER L MOORE, *Christian Herald*.

#### WAR—Peace—56

In discussing war and peace, we incline to paint one all black and the other all white. We like to repeat "There never was a good war or a bad peace." But war often has provided the setting for comradeship and understanding and greatness of spirit—among nations, as well as men—beyond anything in quiet days; while peace may be marked by, or may even be the product of chicanery, treachery and the temporary triumph of expediency over all spiritual values.—Gen DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, pres, Columbia Univ, *Vital Speeches*.

#### WISDOM—57

A wise man is like a straight pin: His head keeps him from going too far.—*Nampa High Growl*.

#### WORRY—58

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.—Swedish proverb.

#### 19th Century Blues

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many yrs—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed too incalculable as at this time. In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely in coping with the vast

and disturbed relations in China.

Of our own troubles (in U S) no man can see the end. They are fortunately as yet commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously despair. And yet the very haste to be rich which is the occasion of this wide spread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity. — *Harper's Wkly*. (1857)

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# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

A Milwaukee man took his grandchildren to the zoo. On the way home, he asked which animal they liked best.

"Grandpa," one of them said, "I think that big hippo-protestant was the nicest of all."—*Milwaukee Journal*. a

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At the Herald Tribune Book & Author luncheon, Justice Wm O Douglas told how he came to write his new book, *Of Men and Mountains*, and then described the accident in which Kendall, the 1600-lb horse, fell on him and crushed 23 of his ribs. A reporter who managed to get into Douglas' hospital room said: "One thing's been bothering me, and I've got to ask you. On the level now—was this a publicity stunt?"—*LEONARD LYONS, McNaught Syndicate*. b

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*In these days it is hard to tell whether a person is walking to reduce or reduced to walking.*—Good Business. c

The village milkman bought a horse for the morning round. It was not exactly a thoroughbred, but it had 4 legs. One day he took his bargain to the blacksmith to have him shod. The smith regarded the weary-looking animal critically, paying particular att'n to his lean body and spindly legs.

"You ought to have a horse there some day," he said at length. "I see you've got the scaffolding up."—*Irish Wkly*. c

*An automobile is a thing, throbbing with the strength of 100 horses, for carrying a city driver 15 ft a min at 5 p m.*—Hartford Courant. d

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The Sunday-school class was composed of 2-yr-olds. About 20 were present, and the teacher was reviewing the past Sunday's lesson. She asked: "Do any of you remember who St Matthew was?" No answer.

"Well, does any one remember who St Mark was?"

Still there was no answer.

"Surely some of you must remember who Peter was?"

The little faces were full of in-

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JOHN EICHOLZ

A noted Canadian entomologist was delivering a lecture on the danger of rat infestation. The 6th grade class listened with apparent att'n and after the lecture one of them wrote the lecturer a note of thanks. It concluded by saying: "We didn't even know what a rat looked like until you came."—*American Legion Magazine*. e

terest but the room remained quiet. Finally a tiny voice came from the back of the room. "I fink he was a wabbit!"—*PAUL E PALMORE, World Digest*. (London) d

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Deep in Mao Tse-tung's China, a Catholic missionary used good old American slang to inform a colleague in Hong Kong that things weren't so rosy as the Communists claimed. The priest wrote that food was plentiful, officials honest, people happy, production rising. Then he added this postscript: "Tell all this to Father Sweeney."—*Pathfinder*. e

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An Ohio housewife was offered \$100 if her husband would spank her hard enough to be heard over the telephone. Thinking the call was from a "giveaway" radio program, the housewife had a neighbor administer the spanking. Then she discovered that the phone call was a hoax.—*Baltimore Sun*. f

*Breath is what parents hold when the 4 or 5-yr-old sets out to relate some family incident.*—Leader. (Clifton, N J) g

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The grouch was dissatisfied with a letter which his stenographer presented for his signature. He signed, but made her put it back into the machine and add: "P S—Dictated to a poor stenographer."

She folded the letter and put it in the envelope, but no sooner was her employer's back turned

than she took it out and added: "P S No 2. The reason I am so poor is because he pays me only \$25 per wk."—*Radiator*, hm, Mass Mutual Life Ins Co. g

A sgt was asking some recruits why walnut was used for the butt of a rifle.

"Because it has more resistance," volunteered one man.

"Wrong!"

"Because it is more elastic."

"Wrong!"

"Perhaps it's because it looks nicer than any other kind," volunteered another, timidly.

"Don't be a fool," snapped the sgt. "It's simply because it was laid down in Regulations."—*Montreal (Canada) Star*. h

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*In the spring husbands are transferred from the dog house to the garden.*—PAUL TALMADGE, Zearing (Ia) News. i

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The sheriff was red-faced as he served a warrant on his wife for driving without a license. In his pocket was found an unmailed letter, containing her application for renewal of her license, several wks old.—*Reformatory Pillar*. i

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*A sweater is a good investment for a girl—she gets out of it, what she puts into it, and draws considerable interest, too.*—Trumbull Cheer. j

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An Ark cotton farmer was asked why he refused to allow his daughter to enroll at college. "Wal," he repl'd, "I started gittin' mad when they told her to go to the Registrar's Office to matriculate, but by cracky, I shore put my foot down when they said she had to use the same curriculum as the men!"—*American Farm Youth*. j

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An exec of an American firm with a branch in Great Britain entertained at dinner a titled Englishman from their for'gn office. It was a small informal affair and the 6-yr-old daughter of the house

listened wide-eyed while her mother and father said: "My lord, have you seen this?" or "My lord, have you gone to so-and-so?" Finally she saw that milord was speculatively eyeing a compote of marmalade while he fingered a roll. Her mother was deep in conversation and did not notice.

"Mommy," firmly interrupted the little one. "God wants some jam."  
—Wall St Jnl. k

#### Book-owners Lament

They borrow books they will not buy,

They have no ethics or religions;

I wish some kind Burbankian guy

Could cross my books with homing pigeons.

—CAROLYN WELLS, *Chicago Tribune Mag of Books.* l

"I'm sorry, madam," said the attendant at the movie, "but you can't take the dog into the theatre with you."

"How absurd," protested the woman. "What harm can pictures do to a little dog like this?"  
—Catholic Fireside. m

*In the west excavators found the remains of a man with 1 foot in his mouth—an ancient politician, no doubt.—Grit.*

The mother was lecturing her small son about his conduct. "Never do anything you would be ashamed to have the whole world watch you do."

"Whoopee!" shouted the boy. "No more baths for me. I sure wouldn't want the whole world to watch me take a bath."—*Locomotive*, hm, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Ins Co. n

A French husband told a Chinese friend: "My marriage is perfect. My wife and I have a perfect understanding. She defers to me on all important matters. And I defer to her on all the unimportant matters."

"How does it work out?"

"Well, in 10 yrs of marriage no important matters have come up."

"I," said the Chinese, "have an

even better arrangement with my wife. All matters, important or unimportant, are subject to my decision, all except one."

"What is that one?" said the Frenchman.

"Me."—UN World. o

*Drunk: When a man feels sophisticated and can't pronounce it.—Kingman Leader-Courier.*

Here's the newest British story on Socialism. Father to small son: "When you grow up, would you like to be a doctor, lawyer or an architect?" "No. A consumer."—*Chicago Daily News.* p

A friend of Judge Harold Medina, who presided at the trial of the Communists in N Y this past yr, stopped the justice on the st the other day to inquire: "Have you booked any good Reds lately?" — IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter.* q

*The early fish gets hooked for the same thing the early bird gets credit for.—Hilton-items, hm, Hilton Hotels Corp'n.*

The city banker was visiting the farm. "I suppose," he said, nodding toward a figure in the farmyard, "that's the hired man."

"No," repl'd the farmer, tongue in cheek, "that's the 1st v-pres in charge of cows."—*Woodmen of the World Mag.* r

*Bored is what people drink to overcome being and wind up stiff as a.—Cominco Mag, hm, Consolidated Mining Co.*

An upstate N Y veterinary got a call from a local store. A farmer there wanted him to look at a sick cow. The doctor picked up the farmer and drove over winding country roads. As they pulled up to the farmer's house, the farmer opened the car door and said: "You can let me out here, Doc. I haven't got a sick cow. You see, you charge only \$3 for a visit while a taxi would have cost me \$5."—*Capper's Wkly.* s



**EDUCATION—Aids:** Self-scorer is designed as answer sheet for objective-type quizzes. Student punches holes which are numbered to correspond with answer choices on exam sheet. If red dot appears in hole, choice is correct. Wrong answer remains blank. Self-scorer units, together with answer sheets fitting true-false and multiple-choice tests, are supplied by Science Research Ass'n, 228 S Wabash, Chicago 4. (*Tex Outlook*)

**FOOD—Processes:** US occupation troops in Japan will be first to benefit from science's newest wrinkle—fruits and vegetables pasteurized like milk. Pasteurizing process destroys typhoid, dysentery, other disease germs on fruits and vegetables. (*Science News Letter*)

**GARDENING:** New kit for marking garden plants consists of aluminum-coated labels, weather proof ink, and galvanized-steel stakes to which labels may be permanently attached. (*Newsweek*)

**GLUE:** Plastic glue, developed for shoeing horses without nails, holds horseshoes so securely they can be removed only with saw. (JOE JETSON, *Country Gentleman*)

**LIGHTING:** New-s shape lamp bulb, for incandescent electric light, viewed in its recommended base-up position, looks somewhat like inverted mushroom. Lower portion of bulb is covered with soft-toned permanent enamel finish that mellows the light. (*Science Service*)

**TELEVISION:** Attic TV antenna eliminates need of outside masts, towers, and guy wires; is claimed to be as satisfactory as roof-mounted antenna in virtually all locations within 30 mi's of station. Can stand on attic floor or be suspended from rafters. (*Grit*)

# Quote CALENDAR

May 14-20—Nat'l First-Aid Wk  
15-21—Children's Aid Society Wk  
18-June 18—Father-Child Mo

May 14  
1686—b Gabriel Fahrenheit, Prussian physicist who devised thermometric scale  
1917—d Jos Hodges Choate, American lawyer, diplomat  
1918—\*d Jas Gordon Bennett, American publisher  
1950—\*Mother's Day  
1950—Nat'l 4-H Club Sunday  
1950—Rural Life Sunday

May 15  
1773—\*b Clemens Metternich, Austrian statesman  
1845—b Elie Metchnikov, Russian biologist  
1859—b Pierre Curie, French physicist  
1862—U S Dep't of Agriculture formed  
1948—d Father Edw Flanagan, Irish-born American founder, Boys' Town  
1950—Straw Hat Day

May 16  
1801—b Wm H Seward, American statesman  
1886—\*d Emily Dickinson, American poet  
1947—d Sir Frederick C Hopkins, English biochemist, discovered vitamins

May 17  
1749—\*b Edw Jenner, English physician, discovered vaccination  
1829—d John Jay, American statesman  
1836—\*d Chas de Talleyrand-Perigord, French statesman  
1875—1st Ky Derby was run

May 18  
1832—b Carl Goldmark, Hungarian composer  
1872—b Bertrand Russell, English philosopher

May 19  
1795—d Jas Boswell, Scottish author, biographer of Sam'l Johnson  
1864—\*d Nathaniel Hawthorne, American author  
1898—\*d Wm E Gladstone, British statesman, author  
1946—\*d Booth Tarkington, American author  
1949—d Thos Heggen, American author

May 20  
1506—d Christopher Columbus, Italian explorer  
1775—Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence  
1799—\*b Honore de Balzac, French author  
1806—\*b John Stuart Mill, English economist, author  
1807—b Jean Louis Agassiz, Swiss-born American naturalist  
1834—d Marquis de Lafayette, French nobleman, patriot  
1851—b Emile Berliner, German-born American inventor of microphone  
1882—b Sigrid Undset, Norwegian author  
1927—\*Chas Lindbergh began flight, N Y to Paris non-stop  
1932—Amelia Earhart flew Atlantic, 1st woman to do so  
1950—Armed Forces Day

\*Indicates relevant items on this page.  
See also: Pathways to the Past, Gem Box.

## HONORE de BALZAC\*

Balzac was awakened one night by a slight noise. He saw a thief busying himself at the writer's desk. Balzac promptly laughed out

loud and the intruder, astonished, asked what was so funny.

"You are here at night with the wrong key," chuckled Balzac, "trying to do and find things that I can't during the day with the right key!"—*Die Frau*, Baden Baden, Germany. (QUOTE translation)

## JAS GORDON BENNETT\*

Falsehood often lurks upon the tongue of him, who, by self-praise, seeks to enhance his value in the eyes of others.

## EMILY DICKINSON\*

We never know how high we are  
Till we are called to rise;  
And then, if we are true to plan,  
Our statures touch the skies.  
—"Aspiration," in *The Poems of Emily Dickinson*. (Little, Brown)

## WM GLADSTONE\*

The free expression of opinion, as experience has taught us, is the safety valve of passion. The noise of the rushing steam, when it escapes, alarms the timid; but it is the sign that we are safe. The concession of reasonable privilege anticipates the growth of furious appetite.

## NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE\*

Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without you see no glory, nor can imagine any. But standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.

## EDW JENNER\*

The discoverer of vaccination became famous in his day but fame meant little to him. It was, he said, "a gilded butt, forever pierced with arrows of malignancy."

## CLEMENS METTERNICH\*

Revolutions begin in the best heads, and run steadily down to the populace.

## JOHN STUART MILL\*

The worth of a state in the long run is the worth of the individuals composing it and a state which postpones the interest of their mental expansion and elevation, a state which dwarfs its men, will find that with small men no great thing can really be accomplished.

## CHAS de TALLEYRAND-PERIGORD\*

When Talleyrand heard an army officer speaking contemptuously of a class of people whom he called

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## Mother's Day\*

God puts important ideas into a Mother's heart; she puts them into a baby's mind. And then God waits. — M RAY MCKAY, *Baptist Bulletin Service*.

"What is wanting," said Napoleon one day to Madame Campan, "in order that the youth of France be well educated?" "Good mothers," was the reply. The Emperor was most forcibly struck with this answer. "Here," said he, "is a system in one word."—J S C ABBOTT.

pekins, he asked the military man who these contemptible persons were. The officer repl'd:

"We soldiers call everybody a pekin who is not military."

"Ah, I see," Talleyrand said, "it is just like what we call anybody military who is not civil."—*Modern Humor for Effective Speaking*, edited by EDW FRANK ALLEN. (Dover)

## BOOTH TARKINGTON\*

An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.



